

**A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday July 28, 2004, 8:30 AM in the Jamestown Police Department Conference Room.**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Chairman J. Peter McGuirl.**

**Members Present:**

**J. Peter McGuirl, Chairman**

**David Darlington, Vice Chairman**

**Paul Eckhart**

**William Chuck Alves**

**Members Absent:**

**Richard P. Eannarino**

**Invited Guests:**

**Kenneth M. Bianchi, Executive Director**

**Peter M. Janaros, P.E., Director of Engineering**

**Marion J. Pierce, Director of Finance**

**Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations**

**Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance**

**Jo-Ann Head, Executive Assistant**

**James Hagan, RITBA Intern**

**Stephen Clarke, SEIU Steward**

**William Granahan, Albert Risk Management**

**Susan Leach DeBlasio, Legal Counsel**

**Item No. 2**

**Motion by David Darlington, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2004 Special Meeting.**

**Item No. 4**

**Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Paul Eckhart, passed unanimously to ratify The Aulson Company Contract 03-4 Water Pier Repairs Application No. 2 in the amount of \$112,761.97.**

**Item No. 5**

**Motion by David Darlington, seconded by Paul Eckhart, passed unanimously to ratify E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc. – Contract 03-1 Electrical Upgrade for the Mt. Hope Bridge Application No. 3 in the amount of \$79,125.50.**

**Item No. 8**

**Motion by David Darlington, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to approve a Resolution Regarding Donation of Four (4) Obsolete Computer(s).**

**Item No. 7**

**Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to approve the re-bidding of Mt. Hope Bridge Landscaping Improvements in the fall of 2004.**

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**Item No. 9**

**RITBA Engineer's Report - Peter M. Janaros, P.E. Director of Engineering**

**In accordance with the approved Ten Year Plan the following implementation actions:**

**Mt. Hope Bridge**

**01-6 Substructure rehab Completed, under budget**

**03-1 Electrical upgrade 20% complete, on schedule**

**Design Towers rehab/painting Design underway**

**Fracture Critical Member Inspection Completed, under budget**

**Septic System Replacement by RWU No RITBA cost**

**Newport/Pell Bridge**

**01-12 Toll Plaza rehab Under budget**

**03-2 Deck repairs by Aetna Completed, under budget**

**03-3 Catwalk repairs Complete, on budget**

**03-4 Water Piers Concrete Repairs 20% complete, on schedule**

**Electrical Inspection Report due next month**

**General Issues**

**Piers security zone request USCG Pending US Coast Guard action**

**Newport ramps re-design Pending hearing on committee**

**choice**

**Jamestown Bridge Demolition Pending DOT presentation on impacts to RITBA**

**Administration Bldg. rehab Pending A/E selection**

**Landscaping/grass cutting Jmst./Npt. Ongoing through DOT Contract**

**Item No. 6**

**Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate through William Granahan of Albert Risk Management, the bridge structures property insurance, business interruption and terrorism proposals, for the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. The Chairman recommended the Director have Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Janaros assist. The agents bidding on coverage are Starkweather & Shepley, Inc., and Feitelberg. After all areas of negotiation are addressed the Director is authorized to award the coverage to the company with the best coverage and premium for the period August 1, 2004 – July 31, 2005.**

**Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by William Chuck Alves, passed unanimously to have the Executive Director seek a thirty (30) day extension of property and building insurance for the RITBA and present a comparative analysis to the Board for ratification**

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at the August 18, 2004. Property insurance coverage for the Mt. Hope & Pell Bridge buildings and contents, including computers for the toll plaza, was offered at a premium of \$23,489. The expiring policy premium was \$28,207. A discussion ensued regarding the companies that bid on this coverage and could the current coverage be extended for a

month while more information was received. Mr. Granahan stated it would not be feasible to secure an extension. He informed the Board that Starkweather & Shepley had gone out to several companies on behalf of the Authority. Also, the process they undertook and the results were available for the Authority records. A motion was made to award the coverage to be effective August 1, 2004 to Travelers, the low bidder.

#### Item No. 10

Marion J. Pierce, Director of Finance, presented unaudited traffic and revenue figures for the year ended June 30, 2004. Traffic, for the first time, exceeded 10 million vehicles for a count of 10,364,168. Related revenues were \$12,041,500 cresting the \$12 million amount, also setting a new record. The average per vehicle of \$1.162 represented a stabilization of the \$2. fare payers to the token users at \$.90 for 2-axle vehicles. Of all traffic two-axle vehicles paying the \$2 fare make up 20.3%, token users 78.2% and the 3,4&5 axle vehicles account for

**1.5%. Graphs depicting each quarter's revenues derived from the classes of tolls were presented for the years ended June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2003.**

**Item No. 3**

**Motion by David Darlington, seconded by J. Peter McGuirl, passed unanimously to approve Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen following invoices:**

<b>Invoice No. 2955051</b>	<b>\$ 1,725.08</b>
<b>General Employment Matters</b>	<b>405.13</b>
<b>Lease with Roger Williams Univ</b>	<b>4,780.34</b>
<b>General Matters 2004</b>	<b>4,383.93</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,294.48</b>

**The Board was informed that the RITBA was to be responsible for any legal expenses associated with the gatekeeper's house and maintenance facility at the Mt. Hope Bridge.**

**Item No. 11**

**Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to re-schedule the August 4, 2004 Quarterly Meeting to Wednesday August 18, 2004.**

**Motion by J. Peter McGuirl, seconded by David Darlington, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05.**

**Kenneth M. Bianchi**

**Secretary**